

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 02381

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, MT  
SUBJECT: THE ITALIANS AND MINTOFF'S JULY 31 DEADLINE

REFS: A) VALLETTA 2360 (DTG 270848Z JUL 78)  
- B) ROME 13431 (DTG 211140Z JUL 78 NOTAL)  
- C) BONN 13651 (DTG 261530Z JUL 78 NOTAL)

1. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR DA RIN TELLS US THAT IN RESPONSE TO MESSAGE THAT ITALIANS SOUGHT TO GET ACROSS TO MINTOFF EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT HE SHOULD BE OPEN-MINDED ABOUT GERMAN WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE CONCESSIONAL LOANS OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS (REF C) MINTOFF FIRED BACK WORD THAT GERMAN PROPOSALS DID NOT CORRESPOND TO GOM EXPECTATIONS. NO AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE ON BASIS OF LOANS. ITALIANS, HE SAID, SHOULD HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT SERIOUSNESS OF JULY 31 DEADLINE. MINTOFF SAID HE WOULD HOWEVER BE PREPARED  
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TO EXAMINE THE WHOLE SITUATION WITH FORLANI IN MALTA IF HE CARED TO COME HERE BEFORE JULY 31.

2. DA RIN SAID GOI IS CONSIDERING THIS IDEA BUT HE DOUBTS VERY MUCH THAT VISIT BEFORE JULY 31 IS POSSIBLE. APPARENTLY GOI CONSIDERING AS ALTERNATIVE TO OFFER TO RECEIVE A MALTESE MINISTER (LIKE WISTIN ABELA) IN ROME.

BUT IF MINTOFF'S PURPOSE IS TO GET ITALIANS TO LEAN ON  
GERMANS, GOI WANTS NO PART OF IT. LAINGEN

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